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- According to a *USA Today* report Wednesday, the Transportation Security Administration will take over background checks of 1.2 million aviation workers from the FAA starting in January. The move means licensed aviation workers will be checked against the FBI's constantly-updated terror watch list, as opposed to the FAA's impartial list. (See item [13](#))
- An *Associated Press* report Wednesday detailed steps being taken by Border Control and rescue personnel to prepare for the apprehension and rescue of illegal immigrants crossing the border often unprepared for the cold winter. In the past four years, the Border Control has recorded 27 deaths directly attributed to cold weather in its Tucson section alone. Agents carry emergency bags with blankets, rehydrants and other equipment, and specially trained search, rescue and trauma agents are ready treat hypothermia victims being transported for medical assistance. (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *November 28, Bloomberg* – (International) **Oil rises as OPEC ministers downplay possible production boost.** Crude oil rose in New York trading as OPEC ministers countered reports the group is planning to raise production at a meeting next week. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries currently has no plan to raise oil output when it meets next week in Abu Dhabi because the market is well supplied, Qatar's oil

minister said today. Libya's top oil official said the group is unable to increase production any further. Crude oil for January delivery rose as much as 62 cents to \$95.04 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aOxjIn9Zq3VQ&refer=energy>

2. *November 28, The State* – (South Carolina) **USC ready to fire up new plant.** Firing up the University of South Carolina's new high-tech biomass energy plant is a little like lighting a campfire: Make a pile of wood and strike a match. But this will be a \$19 million campfire, using the waste stripped from trees at the nearby International Paper plant to generate energy for the seven miles of steam pipes on the USC campus — plus enough electricity to power the equivalent of 800 to 1,000 average homes. USC associate vice president for business and facilities said the university and its contractor, Johnson Controls Inc., expect to fire up the new power plant at Sumter and Whaley streets this week and have it operating at full power within two weeks. It will replace one of four plants that power the campus. The biomass generator will be the first of its kind to go into operation in the nation. It is modeled on a similar facility in Canada and is designed to use a stream of forest-products waste that is largely untapped in South Carolina.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/local/story/241920.html>

3. *November 27, Houston Chronicle* – (International) **Pemex dismantling damaged oil rig.** Mexico's state-run oil company has begun taking apart a damaged oil drilling rig off the Gulf coast because heat from near-constant fires has made the structure unstable. Pemex said this week that engineers successfully removed the rig's tower. The company hopes the action will help workers extinguish a raging fire as well as oil and gas leaks that have continued since the October 23 accident that killed at least 21 workers. The accident was caused by high waves.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/business/5334007.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *November 28, Sun Times* – (Illinois) **City upgrading stockpile of nerve agent antidote.** Chicago is replenishing and enhancing its cache of antidotes to help first responders deal with a chemical or biological attack. The city has issued a "request for qualifications" from companies interested in supplying "duodote auto injection nerve agent antidotes" needed to increase the "chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive preparedness" for Chicago's first responders. The kits would be used if "nerve agent or other weapons of mass destruction" were used in an attack on the city, the bid documents state.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/669925,CST-NWS-nerve28.article>

5. *November 27, USA Today* – (National) **Feds focus on detecting bombs.** The Homeland Security Department is developing camera systems, chemical sensors and other

technologies to detect improvised explosive devices (IEDs), a threat government officials warn is growing in the nation's big cities. Homeland Security officials say they are researching new technologies that could be used at airports and in subways, at sports stadiums and on city streets to alert police and security officers that someone is carrying an IED. The research director's division is working with national labs, universities and private companies to develop camera systems that could identify whether someone is hiding a bomb under clothes. The camera software could detect the bomb by analyzing the way a person moves while walking, or by focusing on tiny sensors that could accurately pick up chemicals used to make homemade bombs. Other computer programs could also be used to analyze cellphone calls, chat room discussions, bank records, photos and any other documents collected by investigators that might identify patterns suggesting terrorist behavior.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-11-26-bomb-detection_N.htm?csp=34

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *November 28, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Penn State says nuclear reactor leak fixed.** Penn State University's nuclear research reactor is operational again after the school said workers stopped a leak in the reactor's cooling pool. Resurfacing of the Breazeale Nuclear facility pool and repairs to a pool divider wall appeared to have plugged the leak that first appeared October 9, though no specific source for the leak was identified, the university said in a statement yesterday. The 71,000-gallon pool was refilled November 20, and the reactor put back in operation four days later. The school had characterized the problem as a minor leak of "slightly radioactive water" that posed no danger to employees, students, the community or the environment. The building remained open for classes and research unrelated to the reactor, while workers made repairs to the pool.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07332/837365-100.stm?cmpid=latest.xml>

7. *November 27, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma: Costs make nuclear power unlikely.** Oklahoma power producers said Tuesday the high cost and lengthy construction time for a nuclear power plant make it unlikely they will turn to nuclear energy to meet rising consumer demand for power in the state. The director of power supply operations for Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., said OG&E is the largest generator in the state with 6,200 megawatts of capacity but is still too small to afford the cost of a nuclear power plant, estimated by industry officials at between \$5 billion and \$6 billion. Representatives of power producers said nuclear energy is one of many options they consider when deciding how to keep up with Oklahoma's growing demand for electric power. But licensing and construction of a nuclear power plant would take up to 10 years, too long to meet the demand producers will face in the next five years.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/071127/ok_nuclear_energy.html?.v=1

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *November 28, Mass High Tech* – (National) **BBN brings in defense translation deal.** BBN Technologies Corp. has landed a \$4.2 million contract from the U.S. Department of Defense, officials said. The federal Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has contracted BBN to develop a system that automatically translates handwritten and printed foreign documents into English. The DARPA contract includes options that could bring the potential total value to nearly \$30 million. Work is expected to be completed in November 2008.

Source:

http://www.bizjournals.com/masshightech/stories/2007/11/26/daily17.html?ana=from_rss

9. *November 26, Defense News* – (National) **U.S. tests anti-IED laser.** Within three years, the U.S. Army hopes to field a solid-state, 1-kilowatt, vehicle-mounted laser that can destroy improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and UAVs, Army program managers said. A prototype weapon called the Avenger performed well during a Boeing-Army test in September at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. Encouraged, Army officials are working with the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) to secure funding for more tests, build more prototypes and mount the laser onto a Cougar vehicle. It was the first test of record for the solid-state laser.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?F=3123006&C=navwar>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *November 28, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **OEC warns customers against scam artist.** Ocala Electric Utility in Florida is warning customers that a scam artist is using the company's name in an effort to obtain consumers' personal information. A caller claiming to represent "the electric company in your area" is contacting customers and reporting that because of work being done to the electric system, customers will experience power interruptions for six to seven days. Customers are then told that if they do not want to experience a power interruption they need to request an uninterrupted power supply device, which the caller then offers to sell to the customer.

Source: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20071128/NEWS/211280311/1324/NEWS01>

11. *November 27, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Telespoofing: New caller ID scam hits the valley.** The newest scam involves telespoofing and it lets con artists appear as trusted names on people's caller ID. So, when it says Wells Fargo, it may not actually be the bank. With as little as \$10, criminals can use web sites to call your home pretending to be the police, a bank, or even a family member. Some Las Vegas residents and even Metro police have been tele-fooled. A police official says criminals have also use telespoofing to scam, stalk and harass. Even the Metro police has fallen victim to a manipulated caller ID. Metro's officials suggested, "We recommend that when you receive a call you tell the person I am calling you back." As of now, using a telespoofing

device is not illegal. But Metro officials say federal and state officials are working on legislation that would make manipulating caller IDs against the law. Metro police also say it is very hard to catch these criminals because they have to know which web site the person used to place the annoying calls. And unless the caller keeps the number on their caller ID, there is no way to trace it back. Even when victims keep the number, it is still difficult to prove who actually made the calls.

Source: <http://lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=7412725>

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Transportation Sector

12. *November 28, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Bay Area could get \$640 million to ease truck traffic.** California state transportation officials agreed to a plan that could give the Bay Area as much as \$640 million to ease truck traffic by improving the rail system and building projects, such as making improvements to the Port of Oakland, Northern California rail lines and truck climbing lanes over the Altamont Pass.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/11/28/BASITK0I6.DTL>

13. *November 28, United Press International* – (National) **More background check for aviation workers.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will take over background checks of 1.2 million aviation workers from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) starting in January, *USA Today* reported Wednesday. Moving the authority to TSA means licensed aviation workers will be checked against the FBI's terror watch list, as opposed to the FAA's impartial list. Licensed workers will be subject to re-examination every time the FBI updates its Terrorist Screening Centers, which occurs nearly every day. Pilots' groups welcomed the decision but voiced concerns that cases of mistaken identity may prevent them from working, the newspaper said.

Source:

http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top_News/2007/11/28/more_background_check_for_a_viation_workers/3564/

14. *November 28, Examiner* – (Maryland) **ID program comes to port.** The first of approximately 25,000 Port of Baltimore workers have begun enrolling in the Transportation Security Administration's Transportation Workers Identification Card program. The biometric cards include an employee's fingerprint and other data, and can be read by a card-swipe scanner or from a short distance by a card reader, according to a spokeswoman for the TSA.

Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-1072604~Port_workers_begin_enrollment_in_ID_program.html

15. *November 27, Computerworld* – (Texas) **Man indicted for allegedly e-mailing bomb threats to Texas airport.** A grand jury in McAllen, Texas, indicted a U.S. citizen living in Mexico for allegedly e-mailing in bomb threats to an airport in McAllen. According to an affidavit, four different bomb threats were sent to the McAllen Miller International Airport online message board. Two of the threats, which were written in Spanish, were

sent on August 22, and the other two were sent September 7 and September 10. All four threats were e-mailed in and used fake return email addresses. No bombs or explosives were found at the airport, according to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ contends that in the threat sent on September 7, the man demanded that airport workers deliver \$20,000 to the reception desk area of a Holiday Inn hotel, but no one approached the hotel's reception desk to claim the money. The man faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=government&articleId=9049263&taxonomyId=13&intsrc=kc_top

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *November 27, WITN 7 Eastern Carolina* – (North Carolina) **Gas leak closes post office.** Some postal workers in New Bern, North Carolina, came to work this morning only to be told they could not go inside due to a gas leak inside the Omarks Building. Employees of the building, which houses a post office and several offices and shops, say they smelled gas early this morning. All of the gas lines were shut off and, soon thereafter, workers were allowed to return to work.

Source: <http://www.witntv.com/home/headlines/11853141.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *November 28, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. ends increased testing of Canadian meat.** Canadian ready to eat foods, meat and poultry products and pasteurized egg products will no longer be subjected to increased U.S. testing after audits of the country's meat system showed it was safe, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Wednesday in a letter to Canadian officials. Following an E. coli outbreak that was attributed to meat imported from Canada, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service began increased testing of Canadian meat on November 9 in an effort to detect E. coli 0157:H7, salmonella and listeria. The announcement to end increased testing of Canadian meat and poultry came just over a week after the United States eased restrictions on imports of Canadian cattle and beef that were placed when Canada found its first case of mad cow disease in May 2003.

Sources:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN2859874720071128?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews&rpc=22&sp=true>
<http://www.brownfieldnetwork.com/gestalt/go.cfm?objectid=871345CE-0468-BAD6-D674568DA3604AB8;>

18. *November 28, Danville Register & Bee* – (National) **USDA to conduct livestock surveys.** The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is preparing to contact selected pork, goat, sheep and cattle producers

nationwide for its livestock surveys. It will gather data about market hog and breeding stock inventories and farrowing intentions. All surveys are confidential and only state- and-national-level data will be released to ensure no individual operation or producer can be identified, according to a news release. The information gleaned from the surveys is critical for decisions made by the cattle industry. "It helps producers make informed marketing decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction," said the director of the Virginia Field Office of NASS. "It also helps packers and [the] government [to] evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export."

Source:

http://www.registerbee.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=DRB/MGArticle/DRB_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173353650655&path=

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Water Sector

19. *November 27, North County Times* – (California) **State releases meager water supply estimate.** State officials said Monday that Southern California's supplies of Northern California water are expected to cover just 25 percent of demand in 2008, far less than the 60 percent allocation level the region got this year. However, officials said that the estimate could improve dramatically by early next year, after winter rains and snow actually fall and can be measured in Northern California and the Sierra Nevada. All water news is being scrutinized this year because the state is facing its worst water-supply shortages since the last great multi-year drought that occurred from 1987 to 1991 and semi-arid Southern California's two main imported water sources are being challenged. The Colorado River, which is replenished by Rocky Mountain snow packs and which delivers water to seven western states including California, is now in its eighth year of drought. Meanwhile, in September, a federal judge issued an environmental ruling that will cut back use of the powerful pumps that send Northern California south in the State Water Project in order to protect an endangered fish. And the Metropolitan Water District, Southern California's main water supplier, said that Northern California water made up two-thirds of the region's imported water supplies this year.

Source:

http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2007/11/28/news/sandiego/5_02_2911_27_07.txt

20. *November 27, Bozeman Daily Chronicle* – (Montana) **Arsenic in school's drinking water violates EPA limit.** Manhattan Christian School near Bozeman, Montana, has a problem with its drinking water, and it is likely to have plenty of company soon. The small private school drilled a new well last year to provide more water for its new events center. However, the water from that new well contains levels of arsenic that are now unacceptable to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). That is because, after long debate, the EPA last year reduced the allowable amount of arsenic in drinking water from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion. The business leader for the school said that a new well would cost \$25,000, and a treatment system would cost \$35,000, but there is no guarantee the new well would produce acceptable water. Arsenic occurs

naturally in all of the drainages leading from Yellowstone National Park. It also occurs naturally in a number of other areas around the country. EPA estimates that 4,100 water systems, serving approximately 13 million people, will need to treat their water for arsenic or find other water supplies.

Source: <http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/articles/2007/11/27/news/30arsenic.txt>

21. *November 26, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Milton residents told not to drink city water.** Residents of Milton, West Virginia, should not drink the city's water, because an overnight break-in at the water plant caused concerns of contamination, city officials said. Because of these concerns, classes at Milton Elementary and Middle schools were canceled for the rest of the day, a city official said. Early this morning, someone broke into the city's water plant by forcing a door open, said the Milton utility manager. There was no obvious evidence of vandalism or theft, but since the person was not authorized to be there, Milton and state health officials issued the "do not drink the water" directive.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/section/Breaking/000001201>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *November 28, Reuters* – (International) **Romania detects H5N1 birdflu virus in Danube farm.** Romania discovered an outbreak of the deadly H5N1 avian flu virus in the Danube river delta at a small farm on Wednesday, officials said. The head of the National Sanitary Veterinary Agency said tests taken on samples from the dead hens and ducks revealed the presence of the virus.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/africaCrisis/idUSL2871446>

23. *November 27, Washington Post* – (National) **Encore tabs may contain potentially harmful ingredients.** Encore Tabs, a dietary supplement, are being recalled because they may contain potentially harmful undeclared ingredients, warned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. One lot of Encore Tabs, distributed by Bodee LLC of California, was found to contain aminotadalafil, which may interact with nitrates found in some prescription drugs, like nitroglycerin, and in some users could lower blood pressure to dangerous levels. Encore Tabs were sold across the U.S. and in Canada.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/27/AR2007112701103_3.html

Government Facilities Sector

24. *November 28, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Boy, 9, accused of bring loaded semiautomatic handgun to school.** Police in Plainfield, New Jersey, say a 9-year-old brought a loaded .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun to school. Officers are investigating where the boy obtained the weapon. The 9-year-old is charged as a juvenile with unlawful possession of a gun.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--guninschool1128nov28,0,1424761.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *November, 28 Associated Press* – (Arizona; International) **Border rescuers prepare for casualties of cold weather.** Arizona's southern deserts are notorious for causing the deaths of illegal immigrants who try crossing miles of remote land in sizzling summer heat. But winter can be nearly as bad for those trying to make it into the United States from Mexico. Temperatures can drop below freezing, snow and rainfall can soak migrants and shelter can be days away. Most illegal immigrants apprehended this time of year are not prepared for the colder weather, said a spokeswoman for the Border Patrol's Tucson sector, which covers most of the Arizona border except for an area around Yuma. "I could say the same for the cold as for the heat: If you've been misled about the duration of your trip, if you're told that you're only going to be outside for three hours instead of three days, you're not going to be dressed warmly enough," he said. "They'll have basic jackets, but nothing compared with what they'd need, especially if they're crossing in mountainous areas." The Border Patrol has recorded 27 deaths directly attributed to cold in the Tucson sector in the past four years. In the fiscal year ending September 30, 400 people died while entering the United States from Mexico in the sector. The primary cause of death was exposure to heat, while other causes include vehicle and train accidents, drownings, fatigue and banditry. So far this season, the weather hasn't turned cold enough to deter many illegal immigrants from entering Arizona, nor have there been any cold-related deaths or rescues, according to the Border Patrol. But with temperatures dropping, each agent who goes on patrol takes precautions. Every agent has an emergency bag with blankets, signal flares, shovels, rations, first-aid kits, water and packets of electrolytes that can be mixed with water. In addition, specially trained search, rescue and trauma agents are ready to apply hot packs to hypothermia victims who are being transported for medical assistance.

Source: <http://www.emsresponder.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=6607>

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Information Technology

26. *November 28, IDG News Service* – (National) **Lotus Notes vulnerable to e-mail attack.** A serious bug in IBM's Lotus Notes software could be used by attackers to run unauthorized software on a victim's PC, researchers at Core Security Technologies reported Tuesday. The flaw lies in the Autonomy KeyView software used by Lotus Notes to process Lotus 1-2-3 files. Core's researchers found that when they opened a specially crafted Lotus 1-2-3 e-mail attachment in Lotus Notes, they could run unauthorized software on the PC. Although details of the flaw have not been published, and it has not been picked up by online criminals, it would not be hard for a determined attacker to write code that exploited the flaw, said Core's chief technology officer. That's because there have already been a number of similar KeyView bugs found this

year, so sample exploit code for similar flaws can easily be found. “Previously there have been other flaws like this published for the same software development kit,” he said. “So anyone keeping track of that could write an exploit pretty quickly.” In the past year, security researchers have increasingly focused on these kinds of vulnerabilities, called file parsing bugs. Improvements in hacking software, called fuzzers, which send a barrage of data to programs in order to see if they can be made to act in unexpected ways, have made this type of research easier. The flaws researchers have found over the past two years involving file parsing bugs affect every major antivirus vendor, and many of them could allow attackers to run unauthorized code on a victim’s system, they say.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9049439&intsrc=hm_list

27. *November 27, Computerworld* – (Texas; International) **Man indicted for allegedly e-mailing bomb threats to Texas airport.** A grand jury in McAllen, Texas, indicted a U.S. citizen living in Mexico for allegedly e-mailing in bomb threats to an airport in McAllen. According to an affidavit, four different bomb threats were sent to the McAllen Miller International Airport online message board. Two of the threats, which were written in Spanish, were sent on August 22, and the other two were sent September 7 and September 10. All four threats were e-mailed in and used fake return email addresses. No bombs or explosives were found at the airport, according to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ contends that in the threat sent on September 7, the man demanded that airport workers deliver \$20,000 to the reception desk area of a Holiday Inn hotel, but no one approached the hotel’s reception desk to claim the money. The man faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count.

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http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9049263&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

28. *November 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Heavy online shopping traffic causes Yahoo outages.** The online holiday shopping blitz known as “Cyber Monday” proved to be too much to handle for Internet bellwether Yahoo Inc. The heavy traffic triggered computer outages that prevented sales from being completed at thousands of Web sites that depend on an e-commerce service offered by Sunnyvale, California-based Yahoo. The trouble began around 8:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time Monday morning and continued into the early afternoon. The problems affected more than half of the roughly 40,000 sites that subscribe to Yahoo’s e-commerce service.

Source:

<http://extra.examiner.com/linker/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fcbs5%2Ecom%2Flocal%2FYahoo%2Ee%2Ecommerce%2E2%2E596040%2Ehtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

29. *November 28, Computerworld* – (International) **Report: Cell phone explosion may have killed man.** Police in Cheongwon, South Korea, said a worker died Wednesday possibly because a cell phone battery exploded in his pocket, according to a report from the Associated Press. The report quotes an unnamed police official as saying, “We presume that the cell phone battery exploded,” but the official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. The man was identified only as Suh, and was found dead at his workplace in a quarry Wednesday morning with a melted cell phone battery in his shirt pocket, according to the report. The AP quoted the Yonhap news agency as saying Suh’s body was examined by a doctor who said that Suh suffered a burn in the left chest area and had a broken spine and ribs. “It is presumed that pressure caused by the explosion damaged his heart and lungs, leading to his death,” the report quotes the doctor as saying. South Korea’s LG Electronics Inc. reportedly made the phone involved in the death, although the report quoted an LG official who said that a fatal explosion from the phone or its battery would be virtually impossible. An LG spokeswoman said the company is investigating the report and would only confirm that the phone is not sold in the U.S.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=networking_and_internet&articleId=9049579&taxonomyId=16

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *November 27, Reuters* – (Florida) **Florida neighborhood on alert over WW II bombs.** Residents of an Orlando neighborhood of \$500,000 homes have found live World War II explosives next to a middle school, a day care center, homes and businesses. Undetonated bombs and fragments first turned up in July behind Odyssey Middle School, which was built within the former 12,000-acre Pinecastle Jeep Range leased by the military in the 1940s for troop training. The school lies inside a target zone that was used for bombing, strafing and air-to-ground rocket practice, according to an aerial photograph overlay prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to delineate the apparent bull’s eye. But since the discovery behind the school, other live munitions have been found beyond the target zone, including a 23-pound bomb found in early November by a private munitions company that was hired by a nearby residential developer to make sure his site was safe. A Corps spokeswoman said the site is just one

of 700 old and potentially hazardous defense sites in Florida alone, including about 100 that dealt with munitions. She added: “They’re old but being old doesn’t make them any less dangerous. They can become more unstable over time.”

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20071127/us_nm/usa_bombs_dc;_ylt=AhCO.1Pddae1CY2KiM6LXa0WIr0F

31. *November 27, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Somali gets 10 years in Ohio bomb plot.** A Somali immigrant was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday for plotting to blow up an Ohio shopping mall with a man later convicted of being an al-Qaida terrorist. Prosecutors said the man made threatening comments about the unspecified shopping mall during a meeting with two other suspected terrorists on August 8, 2002, at a coffee shop in suburban Columbus. The second man at the meeting, a Pakistani immigrant, pleaded guilty in May 2003 to providing material support for terrorism and was convicted of plotting to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison. The third man alleged to be at the meeting, a U.S. citizen who grew up in suburban Columbus, was charged in April with plotting to bomb European tourist resorts frequented by Americans, as well as overseas U.S. military bases. His trial is scheduled for January 2009.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071128/ap_on_re_us/shopping_mall_plot;_ylt=AtfJtaT053k7AO.HGB75xqRG2ocA

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

32. *November 27, Santa Clarita Valley Signal* – (California) **Fire-ravaged forests approved for repair.** Approximately a month after the Ranch Fire blazed through the Angeles and Los Padres national forests in California, an assessment report has been released and the U.S. Forest Service has allocated almost \$115,000 to implement the report’s recommended treatment methods. The reports are completed for each fire or group of fires. According to the Public Affairs Officer for Los Padres National Forest, the team of analysts who prepare the report include specialists knowledgeable about each aspect of forest life and terrain. Each specialist recommends the issues that need to be addressed immediately after the fire is contained. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Department of Interior released the Burned Area Emergency Response Assessment Reports to assist federal, state, and local officials in creating a comprehensive remediation plan and to guide restoration efforts.

Source: http://www.the-signal.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=51929&format=html

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